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Introduced by **BAYAN MUNA**
Representatives **NERI J. COLMENARES** and **CARLOS ISAGANI T. ZARATE**

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CONVERTING THE WEST VISAYAS STATE UNIVERSITY(WVSU)-EXTENSION
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INTO A WEST VISAYAS STATE UNIVERSITY CAMPUS AT HIMAMAYLAN CITY
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

To make tertiary quality education more accessible to the people in Negros Occidental, as well as in neighboring towns and cities, this bill seeks to convert the West Visayas State University – Extension Campus at Himamaylan City into West Visayas State University Campus at Himamaylan City. This will help a lot of youth and students and their families having difficulties in sending their children to other colleges and universities in other areas.

Promoting a more affordable quality education in one of the poorest provinces in the country will help more students to finish tertiary education and provide more chances for them to be competent to be able to earn a living thereby contributing to the abatement of the overall deterioration of our citizens' moral fiber.

Education is a basic right clearly stated in our Constitution. But more and more of our youth are deprived of education, much less, quality education because education is becoming more commercialized. The government's intervention is most necessary especially if the youth, the so-called future of our nation, is being deprived of their basic right.

In view of foregoing, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

Approved,


Rep. **NERI J. COLMENARES**
Bayan Muna Party-List


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Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. The West Visayas State University-Extension at Himamaylan City, Province of Negros Occidental, is hereby converted into one of the WVSU Campuses to be known as West Visayas State University Campus at Himamaylan City, herein referred to as the WVSU Campus at Himamaylan City”.

SEC.2. The WVSU Campus at Himamaylan City (WVSU-CHC) shall maintain and strengthen or expand the original limited expertise of the West Visayas State University-Extension at Himamaylan City.

The WVSU-CHC shall have the existing West Visayas State University-Extension at Himamaylan City, Negros Occidental, as its Campus.

SEC.3. The WVSU-CHC shall offer undergraduate and graduate degree programs, short-term technical or diploma courses, technological vocational instruction and training in technical, arts and sciences, and other related and relevant field to meet the needs of the province and the region.

SEC.4. In addition to its present curricular offerings, the WVSU-CHC shall provide advanced instruction and professional training in science and technology, education and other relevant fields as the Board of Regents may deem necessary, within its area of specialization.

It shall promote research, advance studies, extension and progressive leadership in each area of specialization; *Provided*, That the WVSU-CHC shall retain its original mandate as primarily an art and science institution; *Provided further*, That the WVSU-CHC shall offer masters and doctorate degree program and courses related to food production..

SEC.5. The Administration of the WVSU-CHC shall be vested exclusively in the Board of Regents (Board) that governs the West Visayas State University System. Therefore, all policies, rules and regulations approved by the Board shall also be applied to WVSU-CHC.

SEC.6. The WVSU-CHC shall be headed by a Campus Administrator who shall render full-time service to be designated by the WVSU President. He/She shall hold office for a term of three (3) years and designated by the University President, *Provided*, That he/she shall not be over seventy (70) years old to qualify for reappointment or term extension.

In case of vacancy in the office of the Campus Administrator by reason of death, compulsory retirement, resignation, removal for cause or incapacity of the president to perform the functions of his office, the WVSU President shall have the authority to designate a new Campus Administrator.

SEC. 7. The Campus Administration of WVSU-CHC should have at least an Academic Rank of Associate Professor. He should have at least three (3) years of experience as Dean, Director, Vice-President of the College/Unit.

SEC. 8. The powers and duties of the Campus Administrator of the WVSU-CHC, shall be similar to the powers and duties of the Campus Administrator in other Campuses of the WVSU system.

The Campus Administrator shall represent the WVSU-CHC in the Administrative Council (ADCO) of the University. The ADCO is tasked to review and recommend the policies governing the administration, management and develop planning of the different WVSU University Campuses, as approved by the Board.

The Campus Administrator shall represent the WVSU-CHC in the Academic Council meeting as member. The Academic Council shall have the power to prescribe curricular offerings, subject to the approval of the Board. It shall fix the requirements for admission to the WVSU-CHC, as well as for graduation and the conferring of degrees subject to review and/or approval by the Board through the president of the University. It shall have disciplinary power over the students and shall formulate academic policies and rules and regulations on discipline. Such policies, rules and regulation shall be approved by the Board.

SEC. 9. All assets, real and personal, personnel and records of the West Visayas State University-Extension at Himamaylan City, as well as liabilities or obligations, are hereby transferred to the WVSU-CHC. The positions, rights and security of tenure of faculty members and personnel therein employed under existing laws prior to the conversion into a WVSU-CHC shall be respected and reviewed.

SEC.10. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall replace the current year's appropriations of the Local Government Unit (LGU) for West Visayas State University-Extension at Himamaylan City. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the continued operation and maintenance of the WVSU-CHC shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC.11. Within the period of one hundred twenty (120) days, after the approval of this Act, the WVSU-CHC shall accomplish the following:

- (1) Submit a five (5)-year development plan, including its corresponding program budget, to the CHED, for appropriate recommendation to the DBM;
- (2) Undergo a management audit in cooperation with the Commission on Higher Education (CHED);
- (3) Accordingly set up its organizational, administrative as well as academic structure, including the appointment/designation of WVSU-CHC officials; and
- (4) Set in motion the establishment of at least two (2) separate degree-granting units, one of which is the arts and sciences and another at the graduate level.

SEC.12. The Board, in consultation with the CHED, shall formulate the guidelines to fully implement the provisions of this Act.

SEC.13. If, for any reason, any part or provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provision not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC.14. All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations contrary or inconsistent with the provision of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SEC.15. The Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.